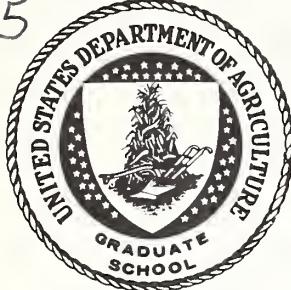


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THE CITY GAME

"Modern cities are becoming so complicated no one can understand how to run them."

That was the statement of our May faculty luncheon speaker, Peter House, president of Envirometrics Inc. and director of Urban System Simulations at the Washington Center for Metropolitan Studies.

It was to help overcome this problem, Dr. House explained, that he developed "City I" a "game" for city planners and administrators -- a computer simulation system that duplicates a city and its problems.

Like Monopoly, the "City I" game allows participants to duplicate real-life problems, scaled down in size and time. Up to sixty players can participate. They assume economic, social, and political roles in which they can test out theories, and get instant feedback from the computer as to how their actions would affect the "city." In other words, the players plan, co-operate, govern, and "live in" a city model that quickly and realistically responds to their actions. The game compresses a "year" of time into about 4 hours.

The game helps administrators and planners get an overview and develop an overall theory of city operations, Dr. House said. He added that he is now developing a "family" of models -- including regional and neighborhood levels. These are being designed so that they may be used individually or put together for broader use.

Dr. House supplemented his talk with film clips taken for television use, showing his "City I" game in action.

WORK TEAMS TRAINED IN MANAGEMENT BY OBJECTIVES

Our Special (Day) Program is conducting a series of two-day training sessions in Management by Objectives, under a contract with the Social and Rehabilitation Service of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

By mid-June a total of more than 425 SRS key personnel will have been trained in the series of 25 separate two-day sessions. Seven Graduate School teachers have teamed



up to plan and conduct these sessions, the first of which was held April 8 and 9. At that time, SRS Administrator John Twiname and his nine Regional Commissioners, together with several of the headquarters staff, took part. That session was followed by a series of two-day sessions held in each of SRS's nine regions, including Atlanta, Boston, Charlottesville, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Kansas City, New York, and San Francisco. The regional sessions were aimed at having participants develop their own objectives, with the Regional Commissioners working with the Graduate School instructors toward that end.

Seven additional sessions are being held in Washington for division directors and branch chiefs, to complete the training program.

CONGRATULATIONS TWICE



Congratulations to the "new" Dr. Fulker! Edmund N. Fulker, assistant director of the Graduate School recently passed the oral examination on his dissertation at American University for the degree of Doctor of Education. He'll receive the degree on May 31.

His dissertation included the Graduate School self-study project and he'd like to thank all of you who participated in that study -- whether advising on the design of the questionnaire, filling it out, or assisting in the final evaluation.

Another honor that has come to Dr. Fulker is an invitation from the Ford Foundation to work in India for a year in the area of public administration. He has asked for a year's leave of absence. Dee W. Henderson will fill in for the year as manager of the Special (Day) Program.

FACULTY NOTES

Catherine I. Bahn, who teaches a Graduate School course in Maps and Charts, writes that two of her students have had papers published that originally were prepared in her class. Frank J. Sidlauskas Jr.'s paper "Small Scale Mapping in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by USGS and Aramco" was published in the March 1970 issue of the Geography and Map Division Bulletin, SLA (Special Libraries Association). Alexander Bernson's paper "Panama: A Bibliography of 20th Century General Maps and Atlases of Panama in the Library of Congress" was published in the March 1969 issue of the same publication.

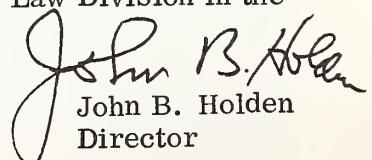
Mrs. Bahn also reports that information on her course was requested for use in panel discussion on "Courses in Map Librarianship" to be given at the SLA Annual Conference in Detroit.

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Dr. William R. Van Dersal has revised and enlarged his book, Wildlife for America. This is a story of wildlife conservation published by Henry Z. Walck, Inc./New York.

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Mrs. Marlene C. McGuirl who teaches our course, "Law Librarianship," has been appointed to the position of Assistant Chief of the American-British Law Division in the Law Library, Library of Congress.


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